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THIS MESSAGE, PASSED TO US BY THE FONOFF DESK OFFICER,
COMPLETES THE REPORT -- SENT REFTEL -- FROM THE FRG
EMBASSY IN KAMPALA ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN UGANDA.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. AFTER ANYURU'S READING OF THE "EVIDENCE DOCUMENT",
VICE PRESIDENT MUSTAFA GAVE A SPEECH REMINISCENT OF
GOEBBEL'S. AT THE END HE ASKED THOSE PRESENT TO GIVE A
VERDICT OF GUILTY FOR THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE COUP.
MILITARY AND THE SECURITY FORCES SHOUTED IN A
REHEARSED CHORUS "WUA AWA YEYOTE" ("KILL THEM ALL").
MUSTAFA ACKNOWLEDGED THIS AND ANNOUNCED THAT A
THOROUGH INVESTIGATION WOULD BE
INITIATED AGAINST ADDITIONAL PLOTTERS, POSSIBLY ALSO
EXTENDING TO MINISTERS.

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CIVILIANS PRESENT AND THE MAJORITY OF THE
AMBASSADORS WERE DISGUSTED WITH THE EVENT, WHICH, AS
BECAME EVIDENT, HAD BEEN STAGED FROM THE VERY
BEGINNING AS A MOCK TRIAL.

2. TO THE AFTERNOON EVENT IN THE NEARBY CONFERENCE
CENTER, DIPLOMATS HAD NO ACCESS. WHEN ENTERING THE

CONFERENCE CENTER, THE MINISTERS OBOTH-OFUMBI AND OREYMA WERE ARRESTED. AMIN MADE A SPEECH, DETAILS OF WHICH DID NOT BECOME KNOWN. IN THE AFTERNOON LUWUM WAS ARRESTED IN HIS HOUSE, WHERE SEVERAL OF THE BISHOPS PRESENT ARE SAID TO HAVE OFFERED RESISTANCE.

3. WHETHER THERE WAS IN FACT AN ATTEMPTED COUP AT THE 6TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMIN'S TAKING OFFICE (JANUARY 25) IS DOUBTED BY MANY. THEREFORE, IT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED THAT THE ATTEMPT WAS FAKED IN ORDER TO GET EVEN WITH PERSONS AND GROUPS DISAGREEABLE TO THE REGIME, IN PARTICULAR WITH THE LANGIS TRIBE, THE ACHOLIS TRIBE (OBOTE'S TRIBE) AND THE PROTESTANT CHURCH. ARCHBISHOP LUWUM HAD, AS THE EMBASSY LEARNED FROM RELIABLE SOURCES, PREPARED A DOCUMENT ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AGO, TOGETHER WITH SIX OTHER BISHOPS, WHICH DESCRIBED THE PERSECUTION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, CRITICIZED THE MILITARY REGIME AND DEMANDED CORRECTIVE MEASURES. THE DOCUMENT WAS FIRST CIRCULATED AMONG CHURCH CIRCLES AND LATER ON PASSED ON TO MINISTERS OF THE GOVERNMENT. LUWUM IS SAID TO HAVE PERSONALLY RECITED THE CONTENTS OF THE DOCUMENT TO AMIN ON FEBRUARY 2 AND, ON THAT OCCASION, DID NOT LIMIT HIS REMARKS. THE DOCUMENT AND THE CONVERSATION ARE SAID TO BE THE REASON THAT THE ARCH-BISHOP WAS CHARGED AS A RECIPIENT OF THE CHINESE WEAPONS, ALLEGEDLY FOUND IN THE VICINITY OF HIS HOUSE. THE EMBASSY HAS DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE WEAPONS WERE DISCOVERED AT ANOTHER LOCATION. IT IS EVEN SAID THAT THE WEAPONS WERE OFFICIAL CHINESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DELIVERIES FOR THE UGANDA SECURITY FORCE, NOW USED AS PROOF OF THE ATTEMPTED COUP. THE FACT THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHINESE EMBASSY WERE NOT PRESENT AT THE FEBRUARY 16 EVENT TENDS TO CONFIRM THIS ASSUMPTION, AS DOES THE FACT THAT NOBODY FROM THE CHINESE EMBASSY CAN BE REACHED FOR COMMENT.

4. THE EMBASSY EXPECTS FURTHER MEASURES BY THE MILITARY REGIME AGAINST THE LANGI TRIBE, THE ACHOLI TRIBE AND (PROTESTANT) CHURCH DIGNITARIES. THE POPULATION IS COMPLETELY INTIMIDATED AND OUR CONVERSATION PARTNERS ARE SHOCKED, ESPECIALLY BY THE MURDER OF THE ARCHBISHOP. REPORTEDLY THE WIVES OF THE MURDERED MEN WERE ALSO ARRESTED. AS FAR AS MRS. OREYMA IS CONCERNED, THIS IS CERTAIN. OREYMA'S DAUGHTER IS MARRIED TO A GERMAN AND IS LIVING IN MOENCHEN-GLADBACH. ELLERKMANN. END TEXT
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